

S/N 09/867367

PATENT#10A  
u.n.  
3/26/03IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	KUMAR et al.	Examiner:	S. Wang
Serial No.:	09/867367	Group Art Unit:	1617
Filed:	29 May 2001	Docket No.:	11378.14USC1
Title:	A MICROBIAL COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS USEFUL FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF ALKALINE WASTE-WATERS		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.3: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703.872.9306 January 30, 2003.

By:

Victoria Hanson

Name: Victoria Hanson

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2.) (Amended) A process for the preparation of microbial composition useful for the neutralization of alkaline waste-waters comprising:

- A
- (a) isolating the bacterial strains *Bacillus alkalophilus* and *Biacillus sp.* from sewage by standard method;
  - (b) inoculating said individual bacterial strains in an Alkaline Bacillus broth medium containing  $MgSO_4$ ;
  - (c) growing said individual bacterial strains for 16-24 hrs;

# Merchant & Gould

An Intellectual Property Law Firm

**FAX RECEIVED**

JAN 31 2003

**GROUP 1600**

**OFFICIAL**

3200 IDS Center  
80 South Eighth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
55402-2215 USA  
TEL 612.332.5300  
FAX 612.332.9081  
www.merchant-  
gould.com

A Professional Corporation

**Fax Transmission** | January 30, 2003

TO: Commissioner for Patents  
Attn: Examiner S. Wang  
Patent Examining Corps  
Facsimile Center  
Washington, D.C. 20231

FROM: John J. Gresens

OUR REF: 11378.0014USC1  
TELEPHONE: 612.371.5265

Total pages, including cover letter: 8

**PTO FAX NUMBER** 1-703-872-9306

If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at 612.371.5394, or fax us at 612.332.9081.

Title of Document Transmitted:

Amendment and Response; Petition for  
Extension of Time

Applicant: Kumar  
Serial No.: 09/867,367  
Filed: May 29, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 1617  
Our Ref. No.: 11378.0014USC1

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$930 for three month extension of time. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By: [Signature]  
Name: John J. Gresens  
Reg. No.: 33112

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

[Signature]  
Signature

1/30/03  
Date